

PRAIRIE PRIDE

1950

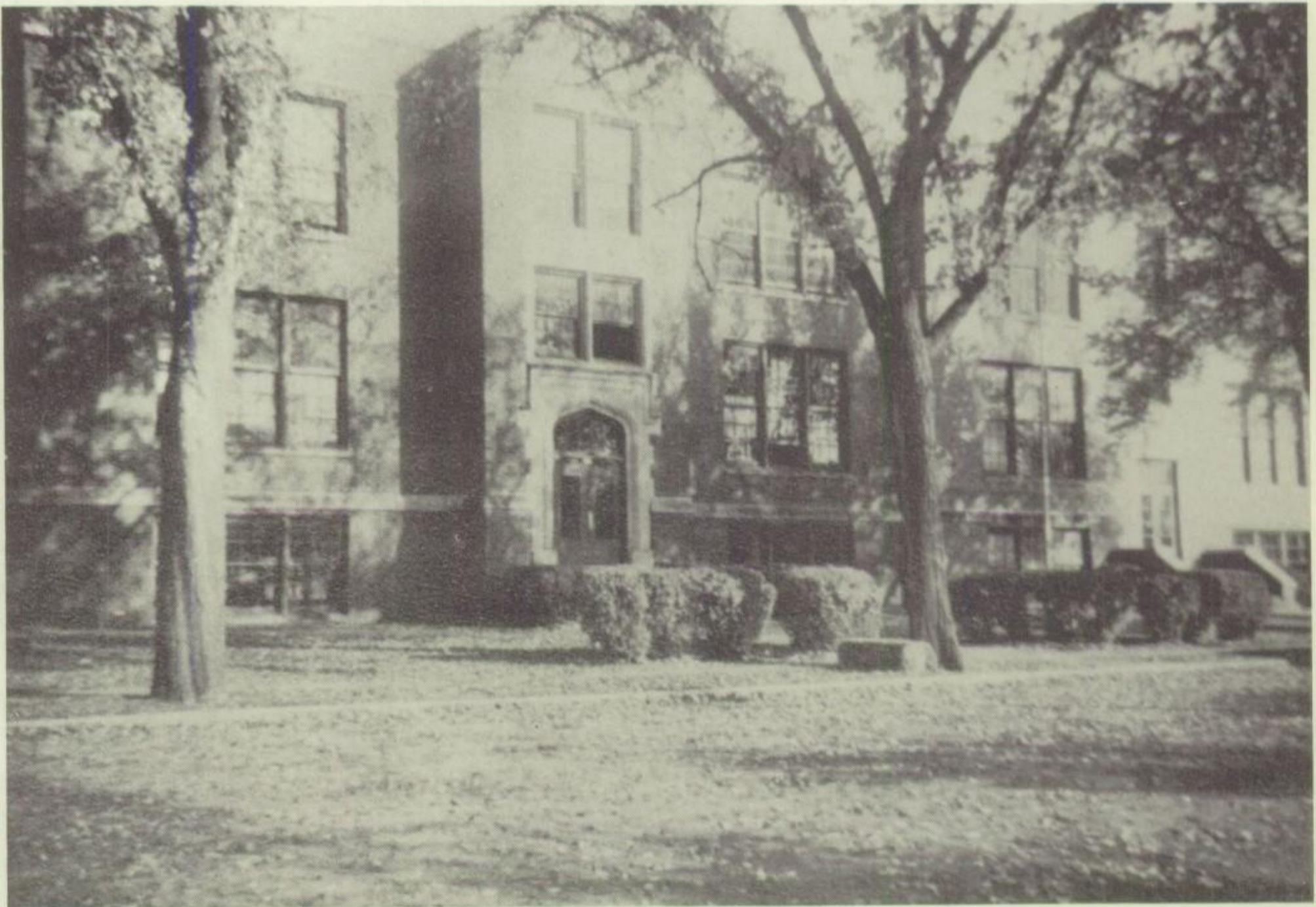


Henry Ball



# *Prairie Pride*

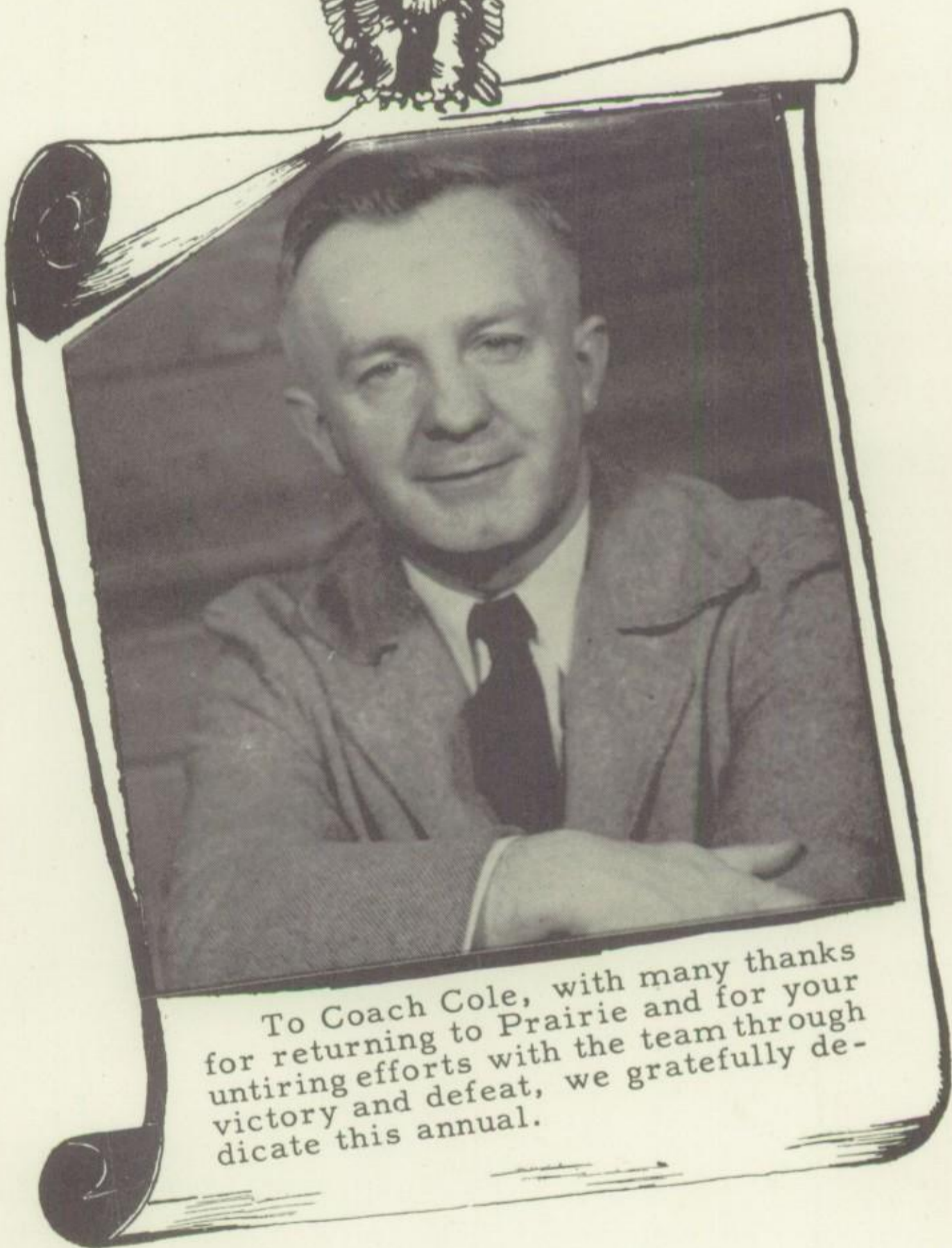
*1950*



*Our School*



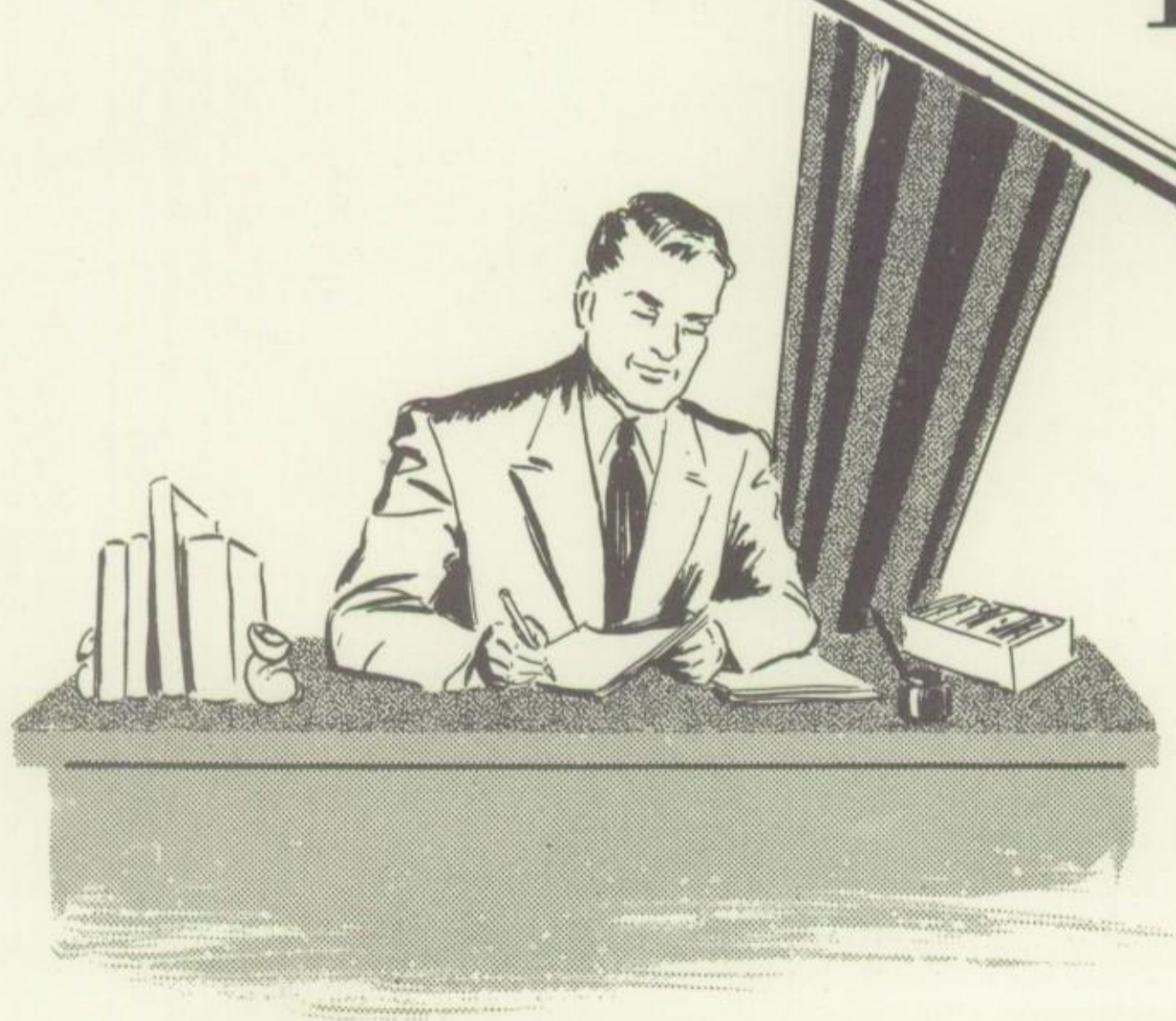
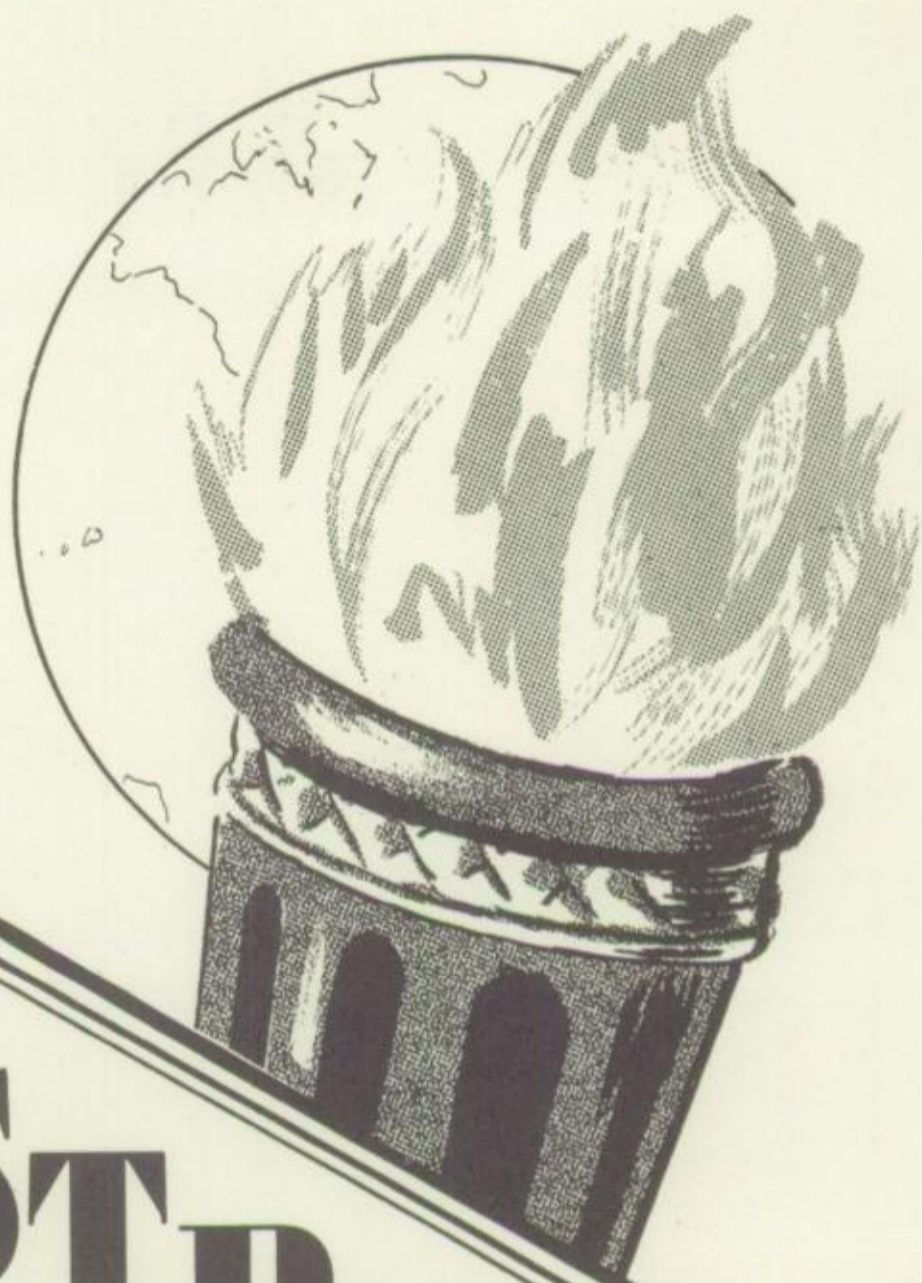
# Dedication



To Coach Cole, with many thanks  
for returning to Prairie and for your  
untiring efforts with the team through  
victory and defeat, we gratefully de-  
dicate this annual.



# ADMINISTRATION







MR. BOLL  
Principal  
Platteville State Teacher's College  
B. E.  
University of Iowa, M. A.



MR. DOLL  
Social Science  
Whitewater State Teacher's College  
*H. G. Doll*



MRS. NESS  
English, Latin  
Augustana College, B. A.  
*Mrs. G. Mess*



MR. NESS  
English, Biology  
St. Olaf College, B. A.  
*Best of Mr. Ness*





MR. SHIELDS  
Voc. Agriculture  
Platteville State Teacher's  
College B. A.



MR. COLE  
Coach, Phy. Ed., Social Science  
Ripon College Ph. B.  
University of Wisconsin M. S.



MR. HIBBARD  
Science, Math.  
University of Wisconsin  
B. S., M. A.



MRS. GARMS  
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Colorado Woman's College A. S.  
Iowa State, B. S.

*Maribel Garms*





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Music  
Minnesota - B. S.  
Northwestern - M. M.

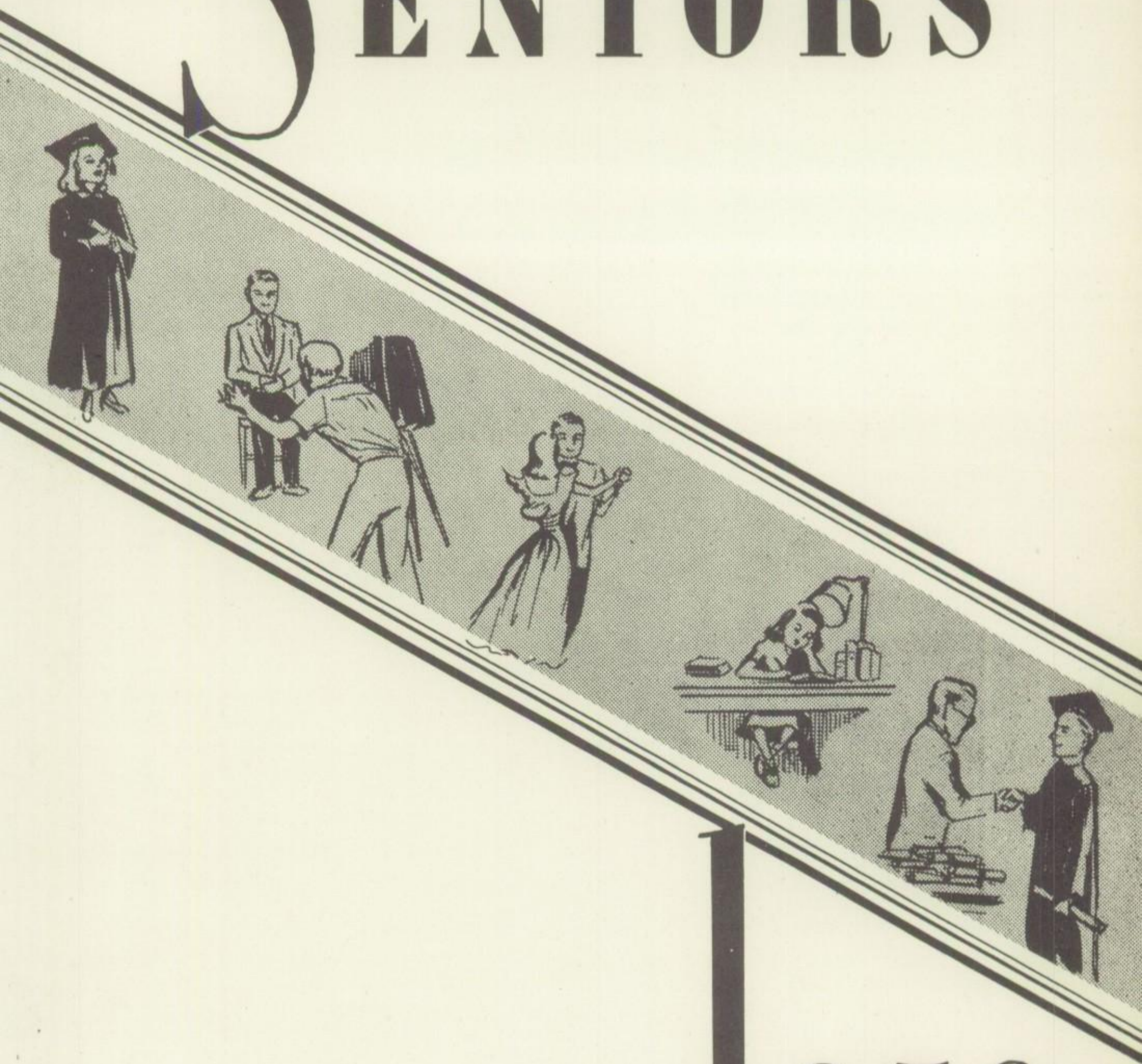


*Mr. Perry* MR. PERRY  
Commercial - Assistant Coach  
Whitewater State Teacher's College B.





# SENIORS



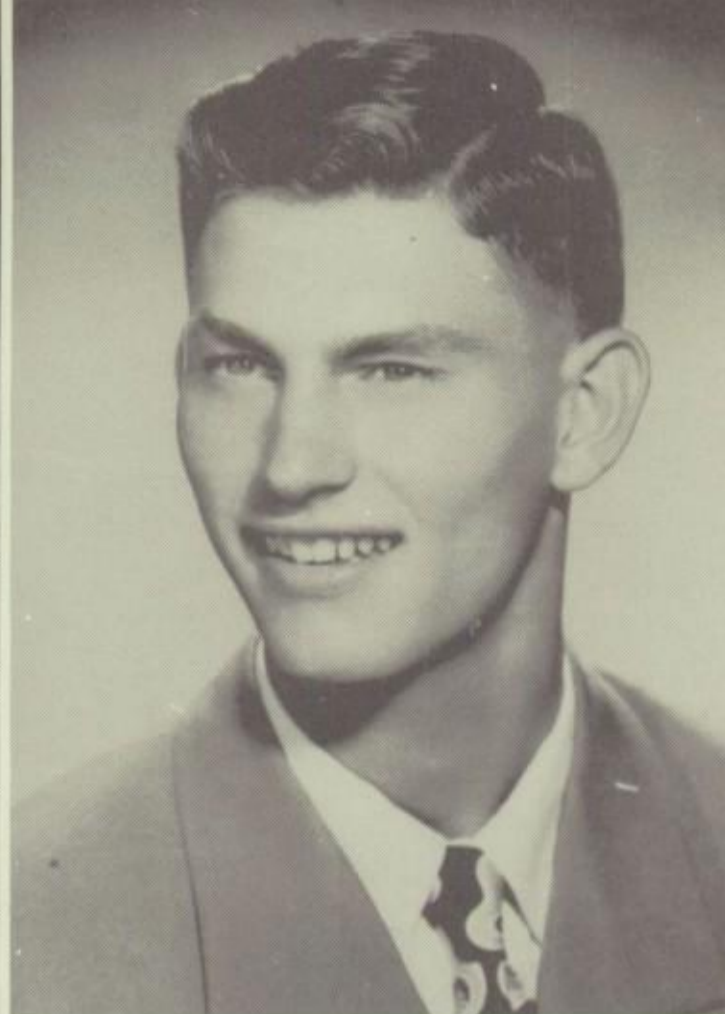
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BEVERLY BARTNICK  
"Girls like me never  
change."

Chorus 1-2-3-4;  
F. H. A. 3-4;  
Camera Club 4;  
Secretary 4;  
President of F. H. A. 4;  
Junior and Senior Class  
Play.



DONALD KOEPP  
"I love you truly."

Chorus 4;  
F. F. A. 1-2-3-4;  
Football 2-3-4.



ARVIN STECKELBERG  
"Girls are bothersome,  
but I like to be bothered."

Football 1-2-3-4;  
Junior and Senior Class  
Play.



PHYLLIS KNOX  
"All that's best  
of dark and bright  
meet in her aspect  
and her eyes."

F. H. A. 3.

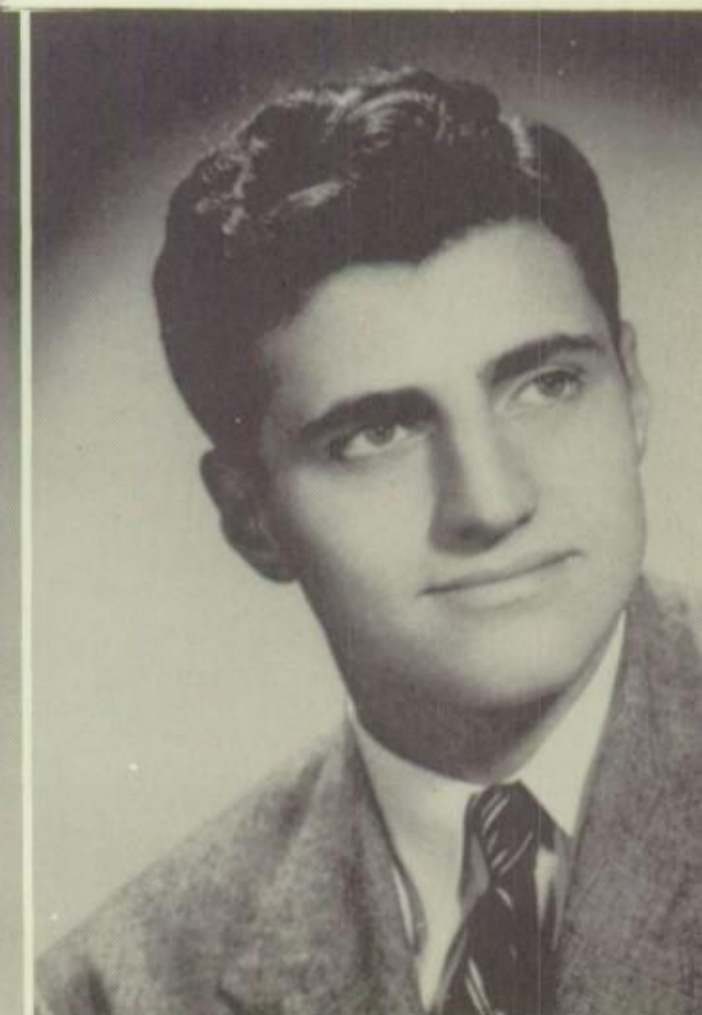
CYNTHIA TURKELSON  
"What delightful hosts  
are they -  
Life and Love."

F. H. A. 3;  
Senior Dance Queen.

JOE RYAN

"School doesn't  
bother me at all;  
my only law is  
basketball."

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4;  
Football 3-4;  
Basketball 2-3-4;  
Baseball 2-3-4.

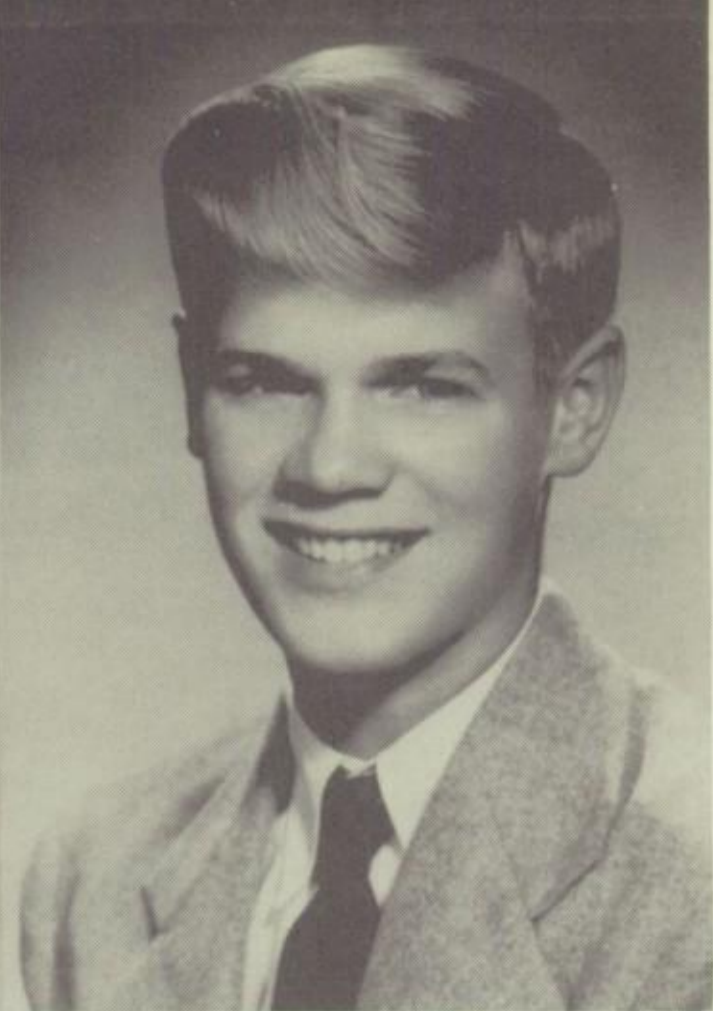






**NANCY ROTHACKER**  
 "She's a sweet little miss, and she likes a good time."

Band 3-4; F. H. A. 3;  
 Librarian 2;  
 Pep Club 1-2-3-4;  
 Junior and Senior  
 Class Play;  
 Student Council.  
 Pep Band;



**BILLY KIRCHSTEIN**  
 "I'm little and I'm wise; I'm a terror for my size."

F. F. A. 1;  
 Football 4;  
 Baseball 3-4;  
 Newspaper Staff 3;  
 Annual Staff 3.



**DOROTHY STEUBER**  
 "Blessed is the gift of giggles."

Chorus 1-2-3-4;  
 F. H. A. 3-4;  
 Camera Club 4.

**WAYNE FINGERHUTH**  
 "Only he will please who can raise the true spirit of conversation."

Band 1-2-3-4; Chorus 2-4; Football 1-2; Forensics 2-3; Camera Club 4; Junior and Senior Class Play; Pep Club 2-3-4.



**MELVIN RICHOLSON**  
 "Better be little and shine, than be big and cast a shadow."

F. F. A. 4;  
 Baseball 1-2.

**COLLEEN BARKLEY**  
 "Love is not a play-thing."

F. H. A. 3.

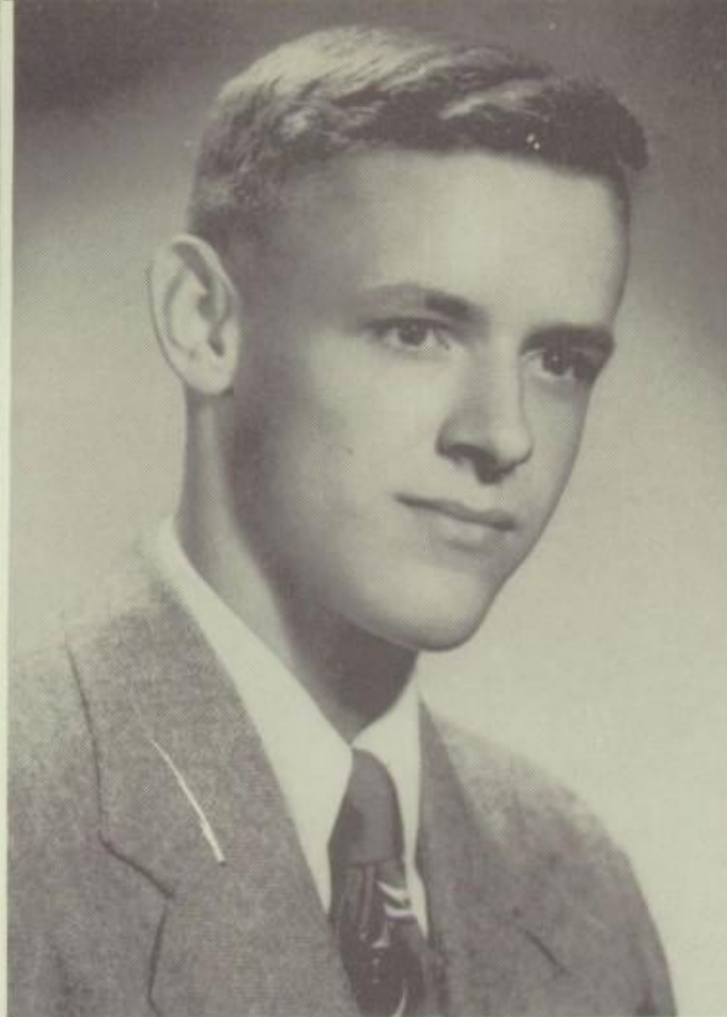






ROMELDA RICHARDS  
"All that glitters is  
not gold."

Chorus 4;  
F. H. A. 3-4.



BOB SAVOY  
"I'll be home  
in time to bring  
in the milk."

Basketball 2-3-4;  
Football 3-4;  
Pep Club 1;  
Freshman and  
Senior Class  
Vice-President.



PERRY OLCOTT  
"Women?? I  
never heard of  
them. What are  
they like?"

Chorus 4;  
Basketball 1-2.



JO ANN LUHER  
"If there were  
dreams to sell,  
what would you  
buy?"

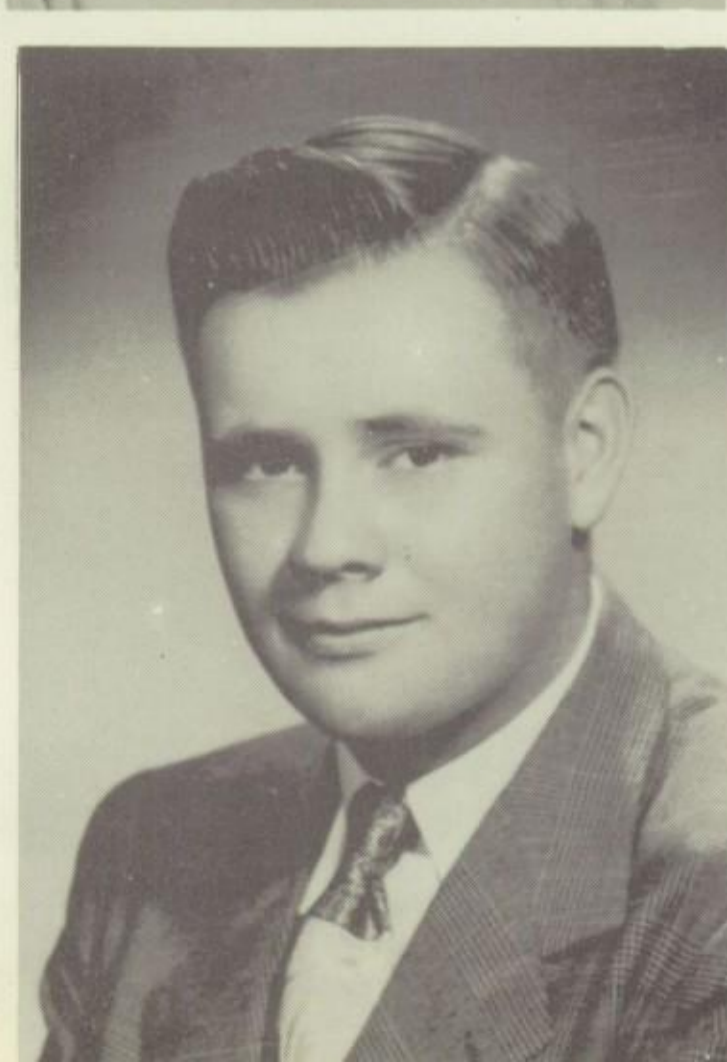
F. H. A. 3;  
Homecoming Queen.

VERNE KINDSCHI  
"A deck of cards is  
a dangerous thing."

F. F. A. 2-3-4;  
Football 1-2-4.

JOAN DOESCHER  
"Give me a good  
time or give me  
death."

Band 1-2-3-4;  
F. H. A. 3;  
Forensics 1-2;  
Newspaper Staff 3;  
Junior and Senior  
Class Play;  
Junior Class Sec.;  
Junior Prom Queen;  
Pep Band







**NORMA BUCHANAN**

"She appears so quiet and shy, but oh, you never can tell."

F. H. A. 3;  
Forensics 1;  
Junior and Senior  
Class Play.



**RAYDEAN KNUTH**

"Give me a bobby pin, Please."

F. F. A. 3-4.



**CHARLES HENNING**

"The happiest man is he who drinks in the perfumes of rural life."

Chorus 3-4;  
F. F. A. 2-3-4;  
Newspaper Staff 3;  
Librarian 3;  
Annual Staff 3-4.



**BERNADINE DOBRATZ**

"Silence is sweeter than speech."

Chorus 1-2;  
F. H. A. 3;  
Librarian 3-4.

**MARION RANDALL**

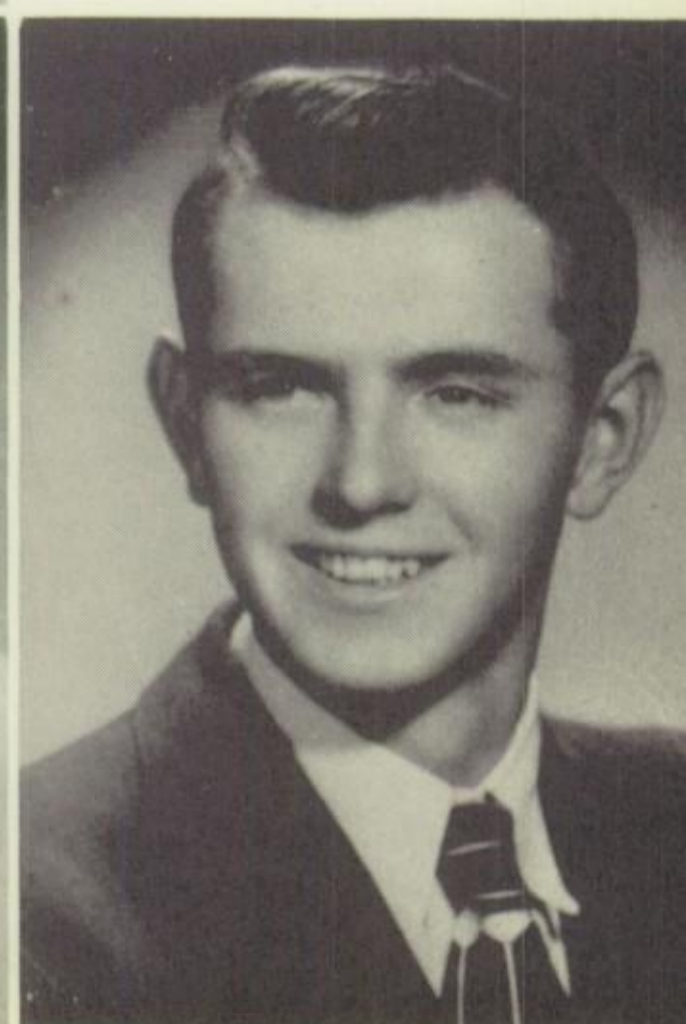
"Many a broken heart can be blamed on me."

Junior and Senior  
Class Play;  
Chorus 3;  
F. H. A. 3;  
Librarian 3.

**BILL MILLER**

"In and out of trouble, but mostly in!"

F. F. A. 1-2-3;  
Football 1-2-3-4;  
Senior Class Play



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LA VON PEETZ

"Put that ring  
on my finger."

Chorus 2-3-4;  
F. H. A. 3-4;  
Librarian 4.



ROBERT MORROW

"Still water runs  
deep."

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4;  
Football 1;  
Athletic Manager 2-3.



LOWELL LIPKE

"The lone Cowboy."

Chorus 2-3-4;  
F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.



VERNIE PARCHEM

"Few do your work  
as well as you."

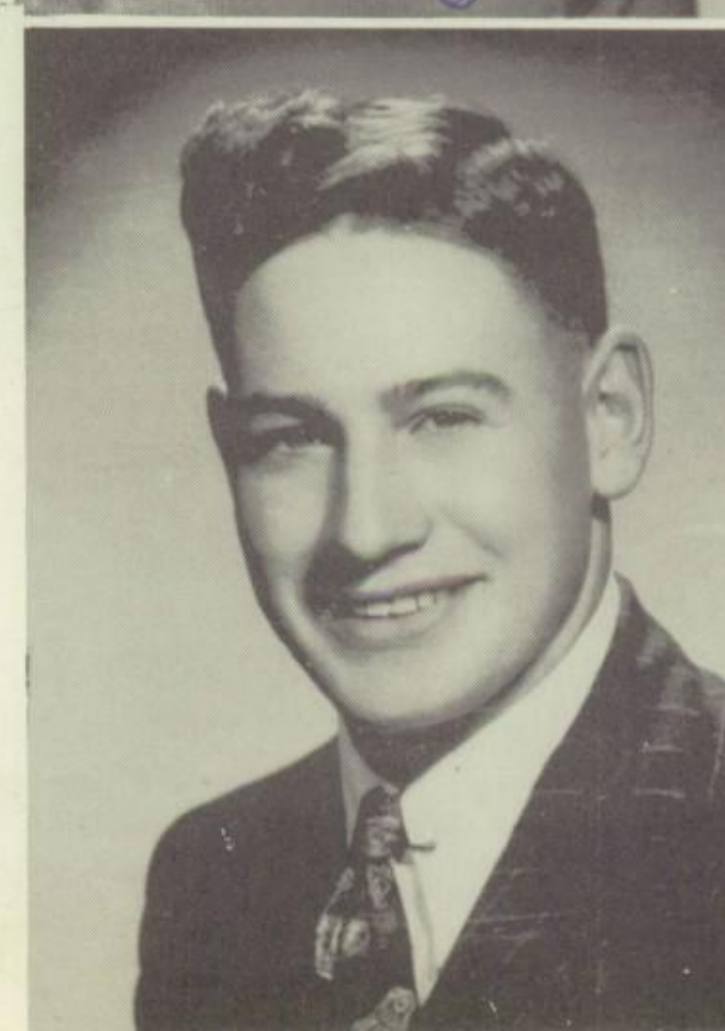
F. F. A. 1-2-3-4;  
Chorus 2-3.



PATRICIA SCHROEDE

"Fancies swim before  
me."

Band 1-2-3-4;  
Pep Band ;  
Junior and Senior Class  
Play;  
Chorus 1-3-4.



GLORIA CONLEY

"If I don't get  
there on time, wait  
for me."

F. H. A. 3.

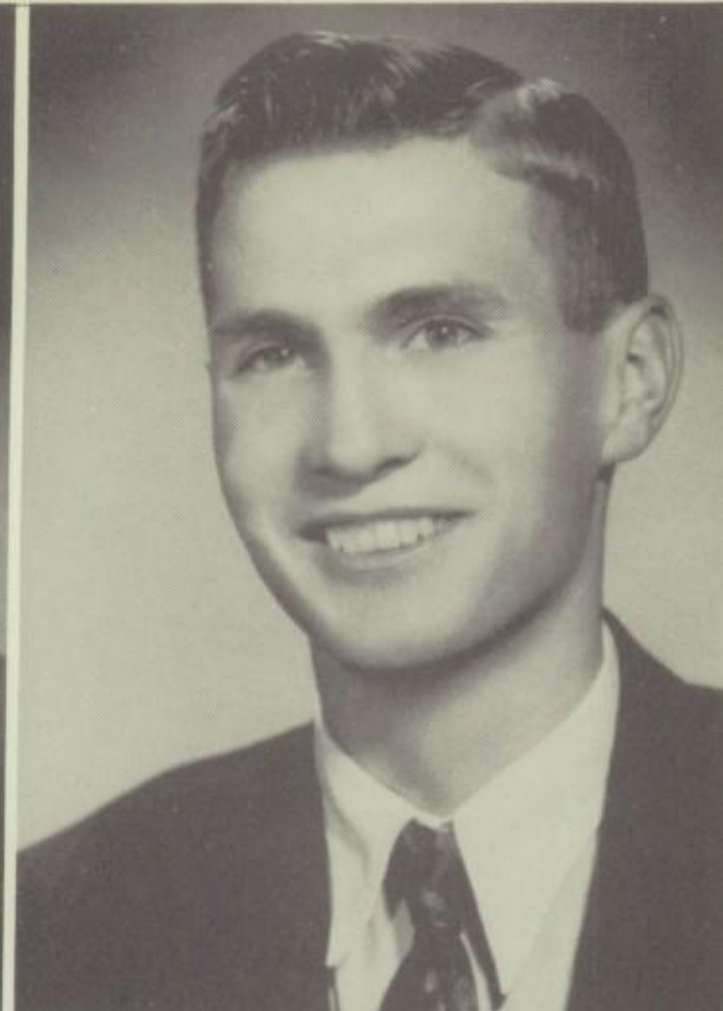




MARIAN RUSSELL

"Nearly every success is due to starting right and sticking to it."

F. H. A. 3;  
Pep Club 4;  
Newspaper Staff 2-3;  
Camera Club 4;  
Librarian 1-2.



FRED RICHOLSON

"A nice girl could do wonders with me."

F. F. A. 4;  
Baseball 1-2.



PETER RADLUND

"Man is to himself, the most marvelous object in nature."

Chorus 3-4;  
Football 1-2;  
Baseball 1  
Forensics 2;  
Senior Class Play;  
Annual Staff 3.



ARLENE SPRECHER

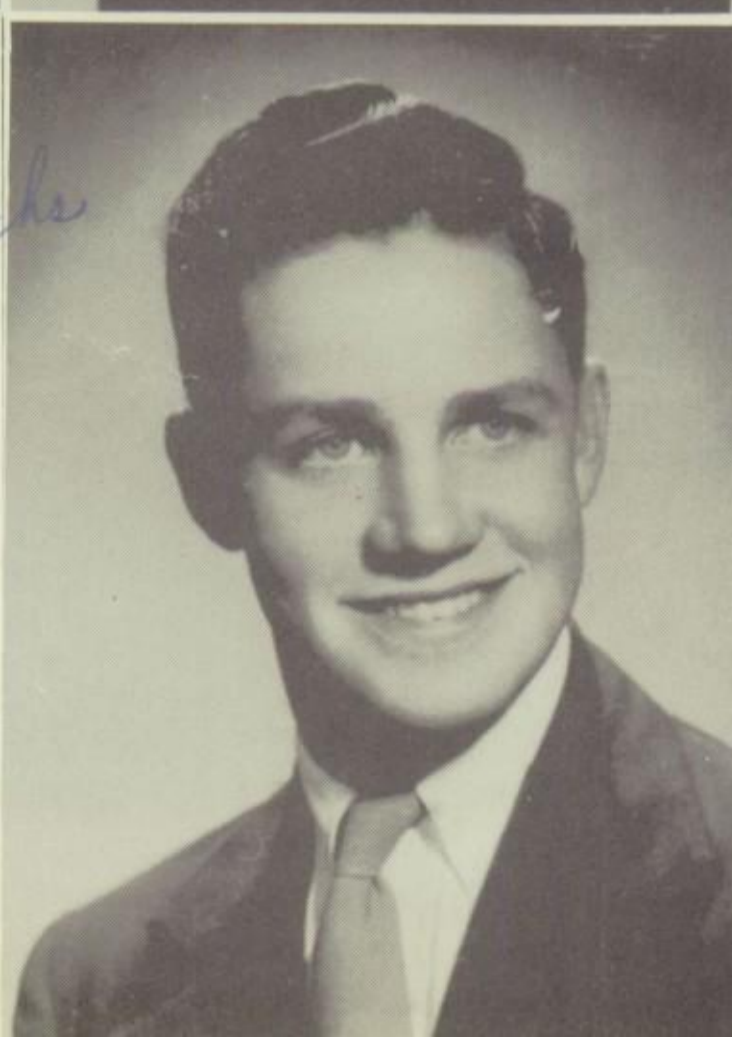
"Just give me a man and I won't complain."

Chorus 3;  
F. H. A. 3-4.

ALBERT FUCHS

"The girls think I am bashful, but oh, do I surprise them."

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4;  
Football 2-3-4;  
Baseball 2-3-4;  
Junior Class Pres;  
F. F. A. Pres. 4.



ROGER SHANKS

"Always in a haste but never in a hurry."

F. F. A. 1-2-4;  
Football 1-2-3-4;  
Senior Class Pres.;  
Junior Vice Pres.;  
Student Council 1.

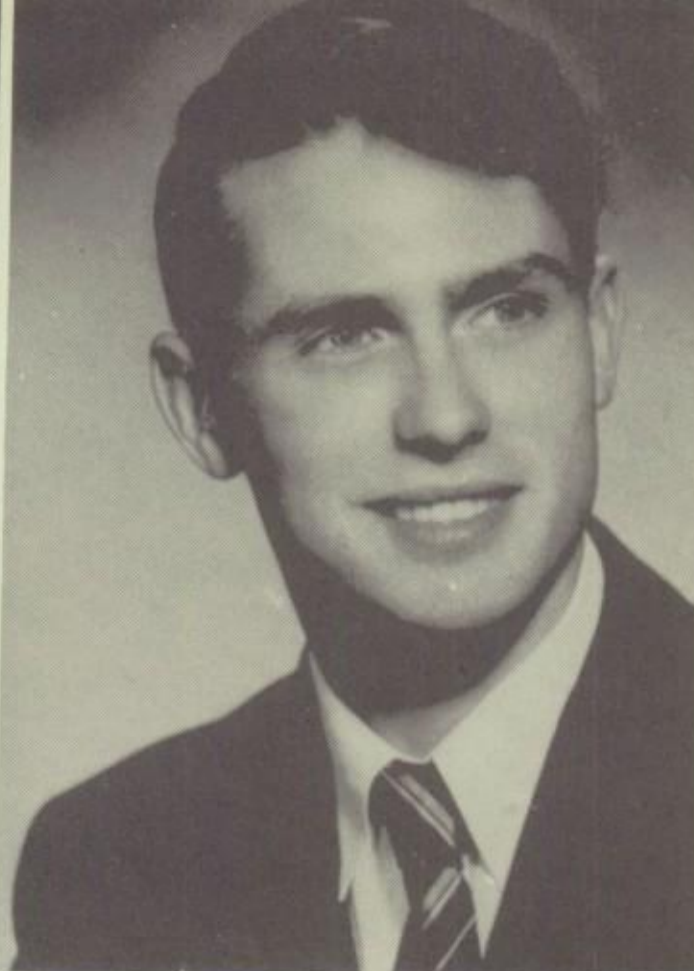






**MILTON TRAUTMANN**  
 "Sober but not serious  
 quiet but not idle."

Band 1-2-3-4; Chorus 2-4; Basketball 2-4; Football 2-4; Baseball 2-4; Forensics 2-3-4; Newspaper Staff 3.



**FRANK WITTWER**  
 "There's nothing  
 else like women, and  
 aren't we lucky."

Chorus 4; Forensics 1; Newspaper Staff 2; Junior and Senior Class Play; Student Council 3-4.



**GORDON JESSE**  
 "Do good, no  
 matter to whom."

Chorus 2-3-4;  
 F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.



**ROBERT PARCHEM**  
 "The school bus  
 'Romeo'."

Chorus 3; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4; Basketball 4; Football 4; Baseball 3.

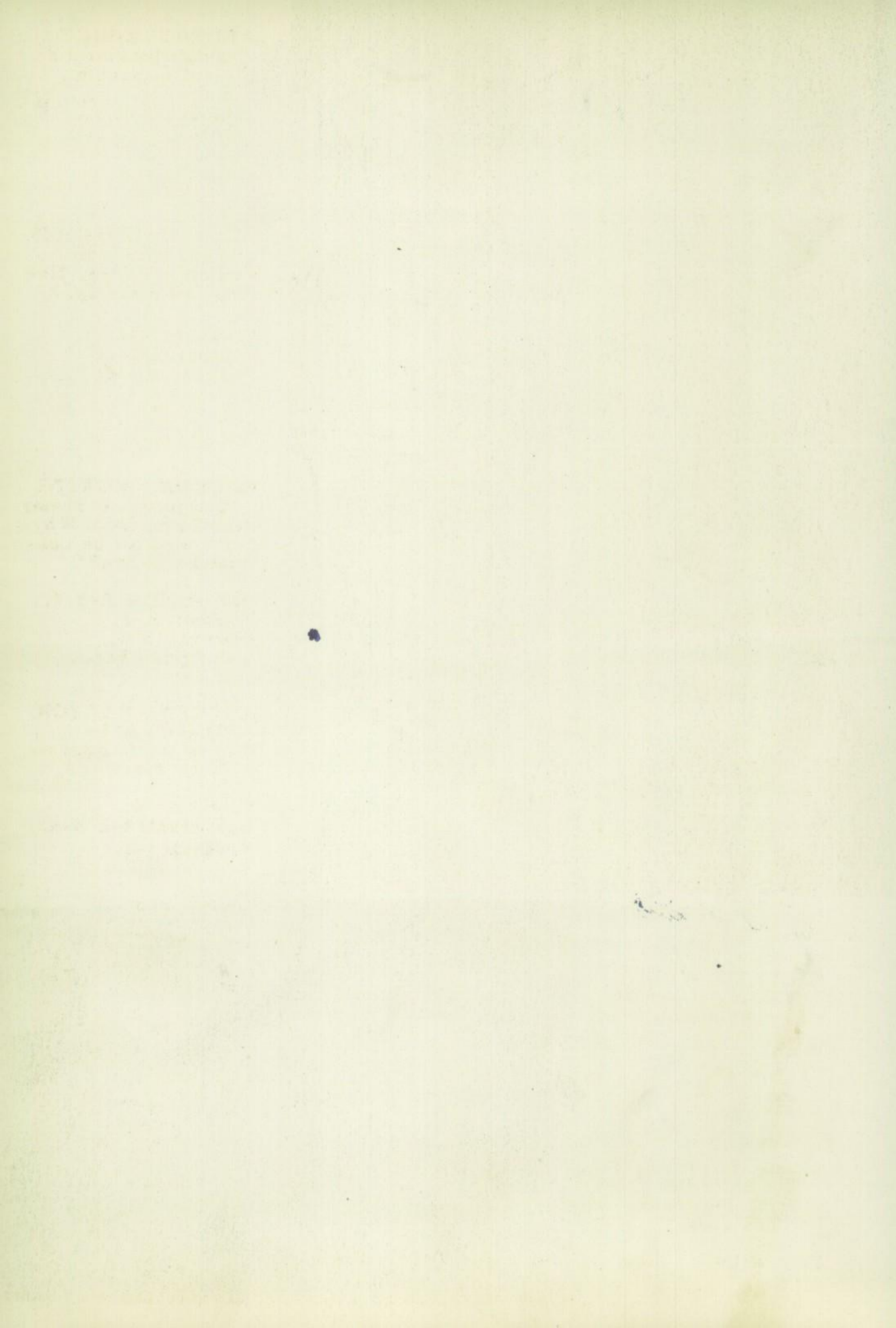
**NEIL ALWIN**  
 "Was good, did  
 good and made  
 good."

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4;  
 Forensics 1-2-3-4;  
 Senior Treasurer.

**CLAIR RICHMUELLER**  
 "A Country Gentleman  
 and a Woman's Home  
 Companion."

Band 1-2-3-4; Chorus 2;  
 F. F. A. 1; Football 1-2-3.







ALBERT EHRET  
 "Don't look at me  
 girls-I'm bashful."

Baseball 2-4.



LENARD LITSCHER  
 "They who from  
 women are free, live  
 long and merrily."

F. F. A. 1-2;  
 Football 1-3-4;  
 Forensics 3-4.



EUGENE MOWITZ  
 "Happy am I. From  
 care I am free. Why  
 can't they all be con-  
 tented like me?"

Basketball 1-2-3-4;  
 Football 2-3;  
 Baseball 3-4;  
 Sophomore Sec.



ROBERT RABYOR  
 "Drink and be  
 merry for tomorrow  
 we may die."

F. F. A. 4;  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4;  
 Football 1-2.

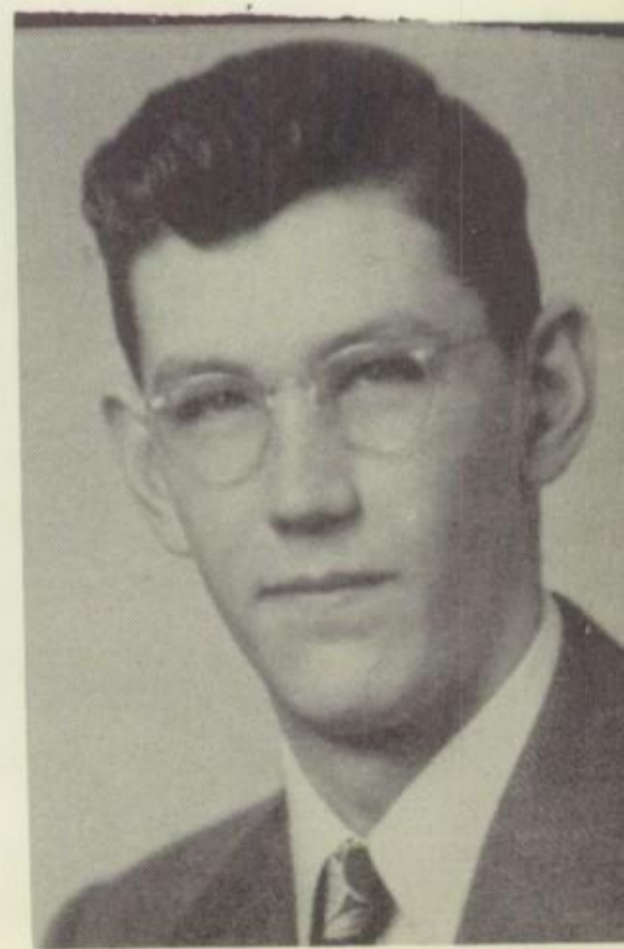
*Gene Mowitz*

MILDRED WALCH  
 "Talking, I know  
 not why, and I care  
 not what."

Chorus 4;  
 F. H. A. 3;  
 Forensics 2-3.

GEORGE MARTIN  
 "We know but little  
 of him, but that  
 little is good."

Football 4.





## CLASS HISTORY

The 1950 Prairie Schooner started across the grassy plains and mountains of knowledge and achievement toward the great sea of life with five tiny passengers. They were Albert Ehret, Charles Henning, Perry Olcott, Peter Radlund, and Marian Russell. These five have had the fortitude and perseverance to endure the hardships of the passing years begun under the guidance of their first leader, Miss Gotham. They learned to sit in orderly fashion in a semi-circle while listening to the adventures of Alice and Jerry from Miss Sather who also taught 'riting and 'rithmetic.

With the coming of the Badger Ordnance the number was increased by many new friends from throughout the country. The schooner moved to the high school building for the lack of space, where it rolled along smoothly amid the genial good humor of Miss Mulchaey.

They reached the foothills of the Rockies with Miss Roser. Many of their commanders were lost among Prairie Indian raids during the seige of the Powder Plant.

They hit the trail up the junior high mountains with Miss Schmidt, passing their leisure time with a checkers tournament. The first eighth grade graduation exercises were inaugurated under Mrs. Kuhnau, nee Miss Gruber, and the new principal, Mr. Koten.

The band of passengers increased to fifty-five as they started refreshed and invigorated for the home stretch. They started as green freshies and weathered the storm of initiation to become full-fledged students of Prairie High.

In their sophomore year they put their noses to the grind-stone and enjoyed fully the pleasures and activities of school.

In the junior year their horizon broadened and they took hold of the reins as upper-classmen with Mr. Boll, the present principal. A class play, "Here Come the Brides" under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Ness was successfully presented. Several outstanding athletes represented the class. The Junior Prom was undertaken with the help of their advisors. The gym was transformed into a lovely harbor scene at night. The theme was "Silver Sails in the Moonlight". The President and King, Albert Fuchs, chose Joan Doescher as his queen.

The dawn of their senior year found the passengers of the schooner eagerly awaiting the pleasures of the final lap toward their goal. Their efforts for Homecoming were well rewarded by a victory over Spring Green, followed by a very successful dance. Arvin Steckelberg and Jo Ann Luher reigned as king and queen. The days following were crowded with activities. Among them they had the Senior Class Play, "Everything Happens to Us" under the able supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Ness. After much discussion they decided to have an informal Senior Dance and decorated the gym to the theme of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles". Roger Shanks and Cynthia Turkelson reigned as king and queen.

From then on it was down the trail toward the harbor of graduation, into the sea of life. The Prairie Schooner had reached its destination.



## CLASS PROPHECY OF 1950

It is now two o'clock in the afternoon and I am still reading this morning's mail. In looking through this bunch of letters, sorting out the ones which concern my Chicago advertising business, (particularly the sale of senior cards) I find several from my former classmates of 1950.

Here is a letter postmarked South America. I never thought anyone of my classmates would get that far from home. It's from Perry Olcott. He says he is as happy-go-lucky as ever and is getting a good salary. He just finished construction of an additional set of locks on the Panama Canal.

Expenses must be high because Charles sent only a postcard. It says, "Tune in at 9:00 over WIBU daily. Hear the 'Dusty Valley Boys', Charles Henning and Gordon Jesse accompanied by 'Tex' Lipke and his guitar."

This letter postmarked New York is from Beverly Bartnich, the famous Powers' model. She has her wish for she is now a "cover girl". She also mentions that Doris Wells, who moved to Japan last fall, has a prominent government position in Tokyo.

There ought to be a letter from Billy Kirchstein of Beverly Hills. He is the romantic idol and "Romeo" of Hollywood.

It's a long time since Patty Schroeder has written. She writes that Colleen Barkley and she are very successful on Broadway. They are a well known song and dance team and are really going places these days.

A very dignified letter came from President Milton Trautmann of the University of Wisconsin. More circulars--it's about time he realized I wasn't planning on attending school, not at my age. The University basketball team is holding number one spot in the Big 11 with Joe Ryan as head coach and Bob Parchem as assistant.

One letter came on which I had to pay some postage. Gloria Conley always would try to get out of anything she could. Allied occupied Germany certainly agrees with her and that WAC uniform is mighty pretty.

Guess who was just appointed the new Secretary of Agriculture? It is none other than Albert Fuchs. I wonder if he is anything like he was when he was still in high school? He says he sees Marian Russello occasionally. She is a court reporter in the Supreme Court in Washington D. C.

Frank Wittwer is just what I expected, the head of General Motors. He has two very able assistants, James Delaney, an outstanding automobile salesman, and Fred Richolson, mechanic. His private secretary is Marian Randall.

Here is a letter from Joan Doescher. She is head dress buyer for an exclusive Fifth Avenue shop.

Well, well! A telegram from Bill Miller! He always did believe in getting through life easy. For a month he has been married to one of New York's wealthiest socialites. "Easy-going Bill", that's what we called him, and see where it got him!

Bernadine Dobratz and Mildred Walch couldn't leave the territory around Prairie. Bernadine is living at home and is now a well known author of children's books. Mildred and her husband are owners and operators of a swank motel overlooking the scenic Wisconsin River, where they have entertained guests from all parts of the world.

Our state's 4-H leader just came back from Washington D. C. She's Dorothy Steuber.



Clair Rischmueller and Vernie Parchem are both in the Army. Clair is stationed somewhere overseas but Vernie is in Texas where he is particularly interested in the Southern belles.

Here's a letter containing a cartoon of Billy Jo, famous comic strip drawn by Roger Shanks, former study hall artist.

This letter is from Weaver, Iowa. Nancy Rothacker writes that it is her first year of teaching in the sixth grade. She wonders if she acted like that when she was in school. I wonder if she did?

Professor George Martin has sent me word that he has established a college for Merrimac's less fortunate farmers. Robert Morrow and Bob Rabyor are learning to raise the necessities of life, namely: one cow, one pig and eight chickens.

We have another surprise for you. Guess who's the coach of the College of Merrimac basketball squad? That's right, the former all star of Prairie High, Bob Savoy.

They have a new star in the "Skating Varieties", Arlene Sprecher. She's now appearing at Madison Square Garden for a two week's engagement.

You may remember the Boston Bank holdup back in '50. Well, it took a number of years to clear that up and none other than Peter Radlund, our lawyer-detective, solved the case.

Wayne Fingerhuth and Donald Koepp are married farmers. Because of the past prosperous years, Wayne's farm now consists of almost all of Black Hawk. I hear Donald has a television set. Too bad he doesn't have a family yet to enjoy it.

Looks like more work for Cynthia Turkelson and Romelda Richards for they have gone all out for interior decorating, in their own homes, of course.

Raydean Knuth decided not to leave this neck of the woods. He is milk collector for this area. La Von Peetz and her husband live in a rustic cottage in Baxter's Hollow. Melvin Richolson has had considerable trouble with his cattle lately but Lenard Litscher, our veterinarian, is always on the job.

Norma Buchanan is one of the best stenographers the Lodi Lumber Company has ever had. Phyllis Knox is a typist for a La Crosse Garage.

Arvin Steckelberg and Albert Ehret are somewhere in Europe. Albert is an engineer for a dam being built under the Recovery Plan. Arvin has expanded his business so he now has three outdoor drive-in-theaters, one of which is in Paris.

Verne Kinschi, who recently bought a large area of ex-Badger Ordnance land to add to his farm, is now the largest patron of Oscar Mayer's.

To Ann Luher has an excellent position as accountant for Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company in Madison.

Now I think I will pick these letters up and tie them with a gray and red ribbon because they were our class colors. I'll pack them in the old trunk upstairs.

Oh! Here is one under this chair. I would find it after I had the others all tied together! It's from Eugene Mowitz. Whenever anyone would ask him what he was going to be, he always said, "A bum!" I guess he had us all fooled, for he is a very well known artist exhibiting his paintings with the Gimble Art Collection.

Well, there the trunk lid goes down to store away the memories of my former classmates of 1950.

N. H. A.



## CLASS WILL OF '50

We, the class of 1950, do hereby bequeath on this night of MAY 23, to the designated members of the Senior Class of 1951, the following traits or characteristics, herein specified:

AS A BODY, we generously leave our memories of P. d. S. High and the right to be "Big Wheels".

NEIL ALWIN leaves to Priscilla Padrutt his oratorical ability.

COLLEEN BARKLEY is more than glad to leave to Carol Mae Meng the ability of forging her excuses.

'BEV' BARTNICK passes on to Maisel Quade her "nights at home".

NORMA BUCHANNAN is our class "actress". She is leaving her dramatic ability to Jean Strangetalien.

In Social Problems, Gloria Conley is a sensation. To Bill Frosch she leaves her ability of thinking up original answers.

"The Sleeper", better known as Jim Delaney, would like to leave to Kenyon Giese his chief acquirement---"snoozing" in Study Hall and Classes.

BERNADINE DOBRATZ hopefully wills to Joan Boehmer her quiet and unassuming ways.

We hope Mr. Martens will be happy to hear that Joan Doescher is willing her musical talents to Peggy Denton.

ALBERT EHRET wills his quiet sense of humor to Douglas Hamilton.

Our one and only, Wayne Fingerhuth, leaves his long existing ability to crack corny jokes to Oma Leppla.

ALBERT FUCHS leaves his 'charm' to any needy Junior boy.

CHARLES 'SAGEBRUSH' HENNING leaves his Western drawl to Betty Albertus.

GORDON JESSE very generously leaves his agricultural ability to Laurice Coulson, even though he may need it after graduation.

BILLY KIRCHSTEIN is the ladies' man. He leaves his 'way with women' to Wesley Bastian.

PHYLLIS KNOX, despite her need of it, willed to Neva Sprecher her long, black hair.

Another liberal soul, Raydean Knuth is leaving to Pearl Zastrow a lock of red hair.

DONALD KOEPP thinks Don Schwarz might be in need of the right to love a Sophomore.

LOWELL "TEX" LIPKE leaves his guitar to trombone player, Donna Boehmer.

maybe you haven't noticed, but Lenard Litscher is leaving his 'come hither' look to Eunice Meyer.

JO ANN LUHER leaves a portion of her femininity to Donna Fae Giese.

GEORGE MARTINS is leaving his "length" to Le Roy Kirschstein.

Another one and only is Bill Miller. Bill is leaving his seat in English class to Audrey Zick.

BOB MORROW AND VERNE KINDSCHI leave their deck of cards to Mrs. Ness.

Prairie's star basketball player, Eugene Mowitz, is leaving his high scoring to Phil Sprecher.

PERRY OLCOTT wills to Judy Williams the right to "love 'em and leave 'em."

Just a statement from Bob Parchem. "All I got is Donna and I can't part with her."



Vernie Parchem leaves his flaring temper to Orville Walsch.  
 La Von Peetz wills her culinary arts to Elizabeth Schlapbach.  
 Bob Rabyor has a peculiar will. He's leaving to Barbara Schultz the distinction of getting kicked out of class.  
 Pete Radlund leaves his walking shoes to Dale Strmiska.  
 Marian Randall leaves her 'appeal to the males' to Marianna Matoushek.  
 Romelda Richards wills the right to wear a diamond to any Junior girl that wishes to.  
 Melvin Richolson bequeathes his big brown eyes to Wally Konkel.  
 Fred Richolson wills to John Lohr his Chevy pick-up truck.  
 To Robert Knox is willed the right to drive to Baraboo in big Buicks, by none other than Clair Rischmueller.  
 Nancy Rothacker leaves her mathematical mind to Dorothy Petzke.  
 Marian Russell wills to Sylvia Thibert the ability to argue.  
 Joe Ryan wills his physique to Orlin Ott.  
 Bob Savoy leaves his consuming interest in sports to Martha Gieck  
 Delores Von Buhren and Arletta Garske.  
 Pat Schroeder leaves the ability to throw jolly parties to Marlys Taylor.  
 Roger Shanks, class president wills to Jack Eckstein, his skill of whiffing Havanas.  
 Arlene Sprecher leaves her flirtatious eyes to LaVonne Enge.  
 To needy Fuzz Osterfund, Arvin 'Buzz' Steckelberg leaves his curls.  
 Dorothy Steuber is known to be a good bowler. She leaves this renown to Bette Mueller.  
 Milton Trautmann wants to keep it in the family so to Phil, his younger brother, he wills the ability to ask intriguing questions.  
 Cynthia Turkelson leaves her many "nights out" to Ruth Pfohl.  
 To lucky La Verne Bittner, Mildred Walch has willed her jitterbug fame.  
 Frank Wittwer leaves his well-developed beard to Lowell Coulson.  
 Being of sane and sound mind, we solemnly bequeath the above name attributes to said beneficiaries in hope that they will follow in our footsteps.

Signed: Class of 1950





# JUNIORS



# 1951

Phil Spruck  
"Lyndy"

"Best Thieving"  
Solomon Lang

Dave & Apple

Dick Dobrotz

Lawell Coulson  
"Gilly"

"Wee"  
Pauline  
Sparkie

Sandra Clark

Carol Mae Meng

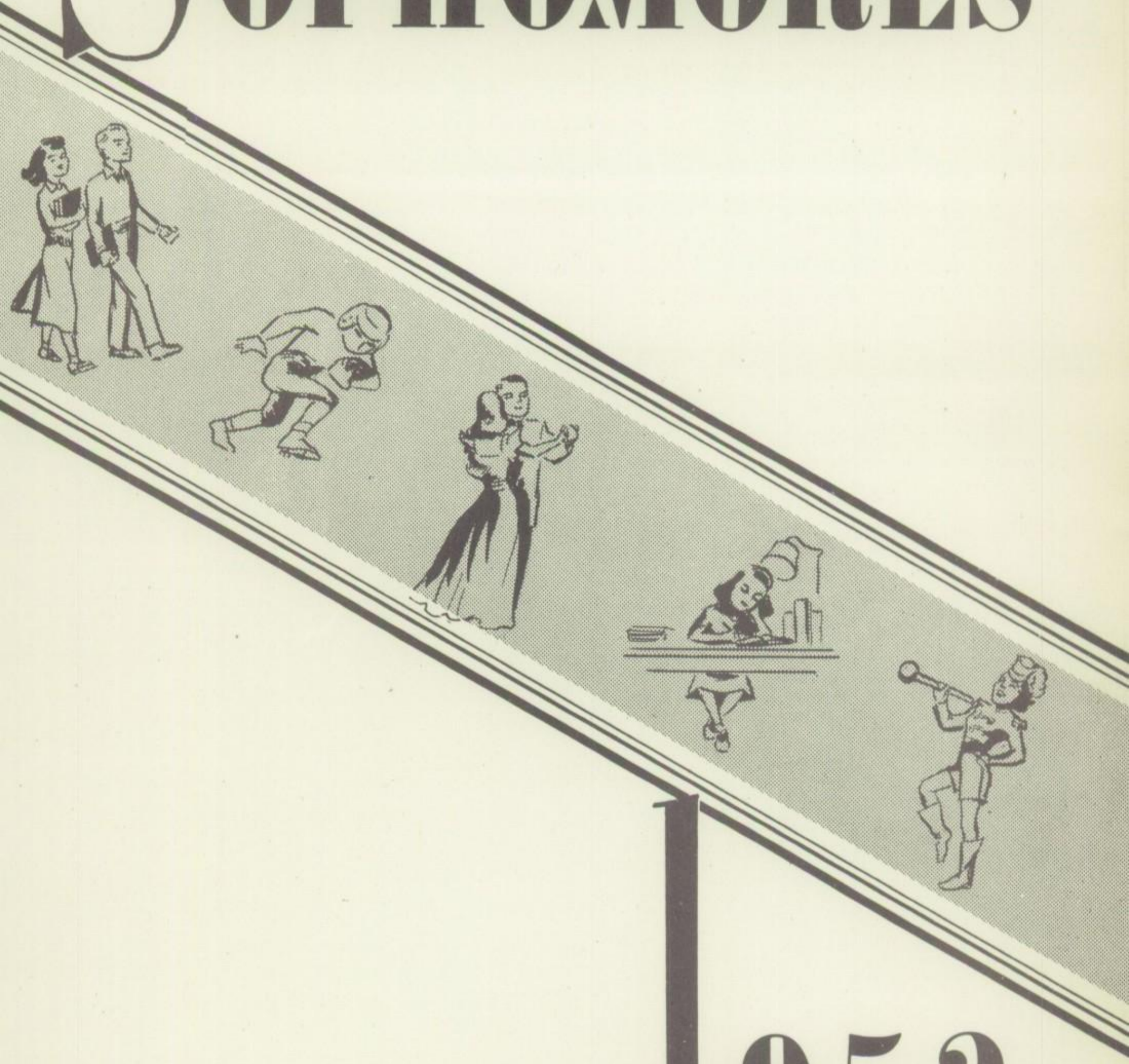
Nama John  
'61

"Sweetest Charm"  
Dorothy





# SOPHOMORES



1952

Katherine Walker

Kindschis + Hauptman's Nudist Camp  
Don Grabek, mgr.

"Pluto"



### SOPHOMORE CLASS

- First Row:** L Kindschi, P. Trautmann, E. Walch, D. Walch, G. Flentje, D. Taylor, M. McDonald, R. Fenske, D. Petzke.
- Second Row:** D. Yanke, M. Bittner, N. Schoephoerster, B. Frosch, C. Mueller, B. Meyer, I. Wegner, P. Henke, D. Richolson, R. Heath, S. Strmiska, S. Repka.
- Third Row:** K. Turkelson, B. Williams, D. Olsen, S. Bartnick, J. Keitel, E. Anderson, S. Enge, N. DiVall, K. Walker, J. Young, C. Maier, R. Sprecher, D. Korb, Advisor - Mr. Hibbard.
- Fourth Row:** J. Chrisler, J. Aton, D. Sprecher, A. Keck, D. Bramschreiber, S. Paul, P. Zastrow, C. Hartman, R. Richter, N. Yanke, L. Schuette, C. Gentz, G. Wartner, A. Gower, L. Kirchstein, D. Jerabek.
- Fifth Row:** J. Georgeson, G. Parchem, D. Weinke, A. Yngsdahl, I. Guet-skow, D. Rischmueller, J. Yanke, R. Tabor, J. Buchanan, J. Kirner, D. Adams, B. Chase, J. Wherle, B. Tieman.

### SOPHOMORE CLASS

The Sophomore Class opened the year with election of these officers: Bill Meyer - President, Ina Wegner - Vice President, Beverly Frosch, Secretary, Curtis Mueller - Treasurer, Phil Trautmann and Pearl Zastrow - Student Council, Mr. Hibbard - Advisor.

Many of the class have participated in band, chorus, Forensics, sports, and other various activities. The past two years as "underclassmen" have been full years and they are looking forward to the next two as "upperclassmen."





# FRESHMEN



# 1953

Carol Shanks  
Dave Cob

La 2 urne Trucks  
Nancy Schroeder

Cynthia Schae  
"Sympathy" Calvin Maely  
David Schroeder

Bob Frasch  
Joe MUNZ

Caroline Schwartz  
"Shorty"

John D. Wall

Bob Schuknecht

Shirley Elwood

Paul Blythe  
"Petri Fica"

Liz

Mary Ann  
"Amert" Helman

Bob Esser

Marilyn Koenig

D. L. Lane

David Jones

Janet Jassick  
"Jan"

Liz



## FRESHMAN

First Row: L. Cady, B. Frosch, J. DiVall, C. Moely, J. Munz, J. Gavol, J. Leidig, R. Lohr, D. Jaedike, R. Peiper, H. Ott, J. Goad.

Second Row: M. Holway, J. Bindley, A. Walker, D. Block, M. Richards, P. Denton, D. Schroeder, L. Fuchs, C. Schoss, P. Meyer, M. Ganser, E. Evert, J. Koenig, K. Ryan, J. Jessicke.

Third Row: Advisor, Mr. Ness, C. Schwartz, S. Ehret, H. Schauer, M. Koenig, P. Hoppe, R. Haase, D. Slotty, M. Steuber, S. Olsen, N. Schroeder, N. Boll, E. Delaney, S. Breunig, B. Moffett, E. Weiss, D. Gower.

Fourth Row: B. Glaser, I. Schneller, D. Eckstein, D. Bible, M. Thurow, L. Lehman, V. Diehl, R. Gasser, M. Slotty, D. Cole, P. Clift, W. Dresen, B. Esser, B. Schuknecht, H. Zander, D. Miller, D. Konkel, J. McKenzie.

## FRESHMEN CLASS

The first day of school was one of the greatest, most thrilling days of their lives---they were freshmen!

A few weeks later class officers were elected as follows: LaVerne Fuchs - President, David Schroeder - Vice President, Cynthia Schoss - Secretary-treasurer, Paul Clift and Nancy Boll - Student Council, Lyle Cady and Audrey Walker - Pep Club.

A month later initiation took place. Now they were full fledged freshmen.

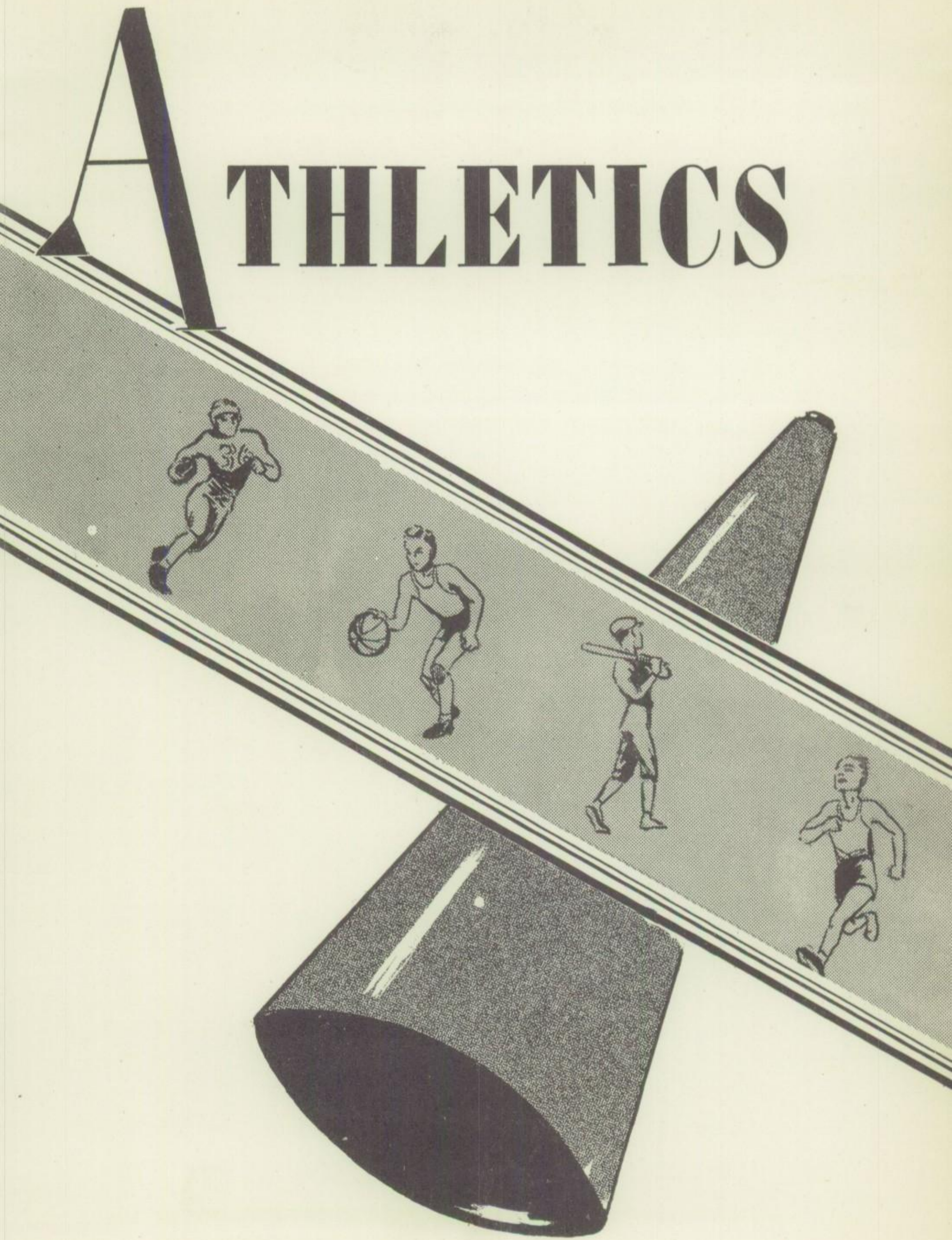
The class is well represented in the school activities and has put on two plays.

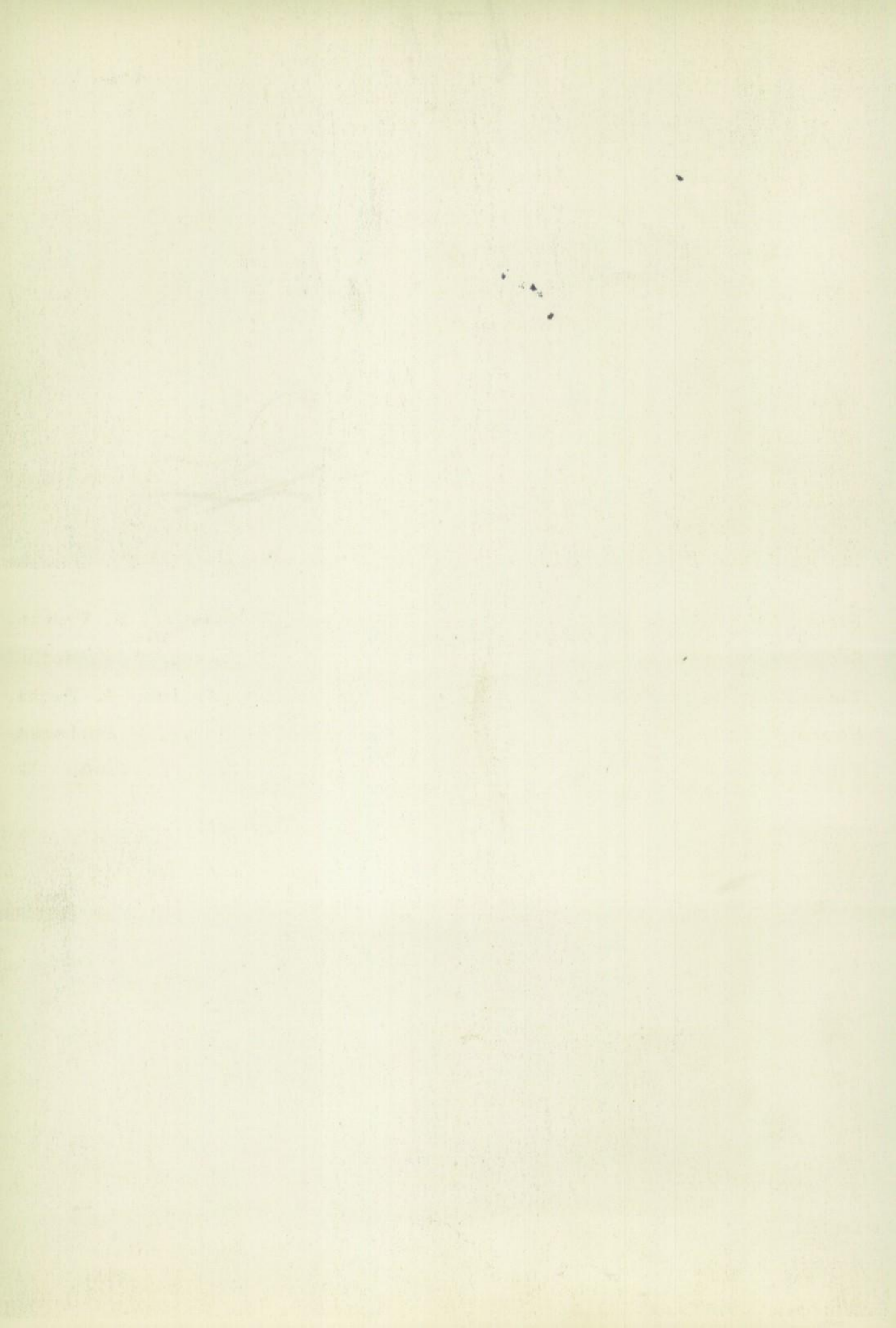
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# ATHLETICS





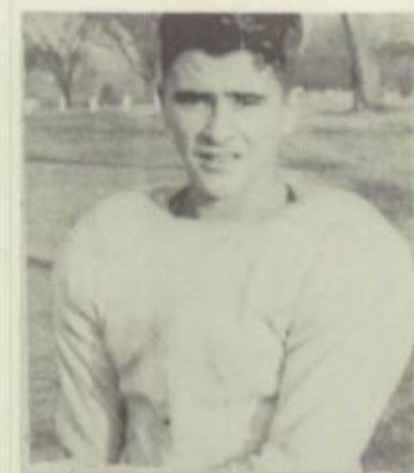


### FOOTBALL SQUAD

First Row: D. Schroeder, B. Chase, D. Sprecher, J. Eckstein, B. Frösch, D. Schwartz, P. Sprecher, D. Strmiska.  
 Second Row: D. Osterfund, J. Yanke, D. Cole, M. Trautmann, V. Kindschi, J. Ryan, G. Martin.  
 Third Row: D. Dobratz, C. Mueller, A. Steckleberg, J. Aton, A. Fuchs, L. Litscher, R. Shanks.  
 Fourth Row: J. Chrisler, L. Bittner, B. Kirchstein, D. Koepp, J. Buchanan, L. Coulson.  
 Fifth Row: Coach Cole, R. Pieper, J. Munz, C. Genz, L. Fuchs, D. Walsch, Manager I. Guetzgow, D. Taylor.

### Prairie Opponent

Sept. 16	Verona	6	13
Sept. 23	Mazo	12	25
Sept. 30	Lodi	6	13
Oct. 7	Spring Green	19	0
Oct. 14	Arena	13	9
Oct. 24	Waunakee	13	0
Nov. 1	Sauk City	0	14







## BASKETBALL TEAM

"A" TEAM  
Top Row:

L. Guetzkow, M. Trautmann, L. Coulson, R. Rabyor,  
D. Schwartz, R. Savoy, R. Parchem, Coach Cole.

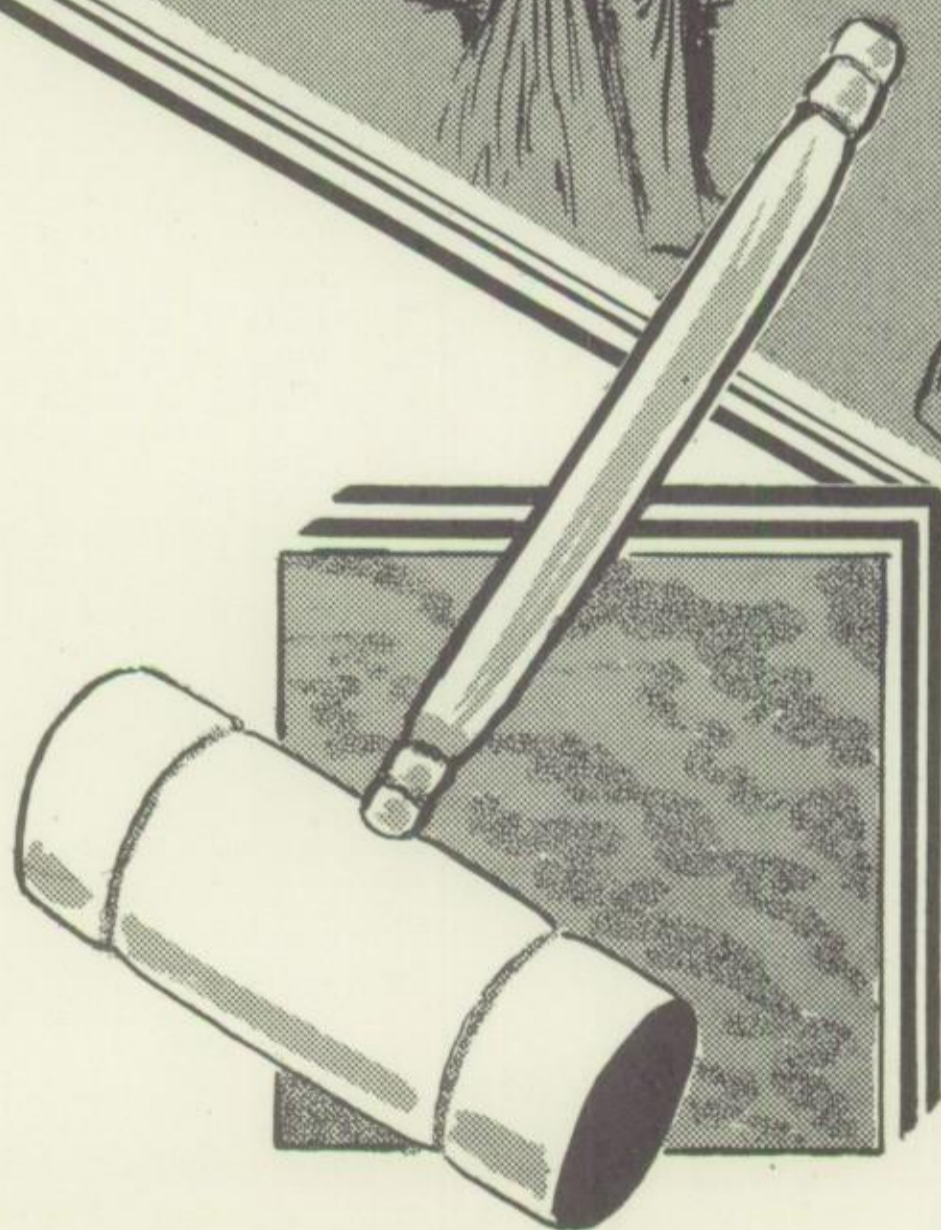
Bottom Row:

D. Osterfund, P. Sprecher, J. Ryan, E. Mowitz, J.  
Aton, C. Mueller.





# ACTIVITIES







## HOMECOMING

After working all morning, the floats were finally completed for the parade at 2:30 p.m. The F. H. A. float won first prize, being decorated with the slogan, "We'll Iron Out Spring Green."

A bonfire was held on the high school athletic field at 6:30. The fire was lit, the band played, and the cheer leaders led the group in several yells and the school song.

The Homecoming game was a complete success by defeating Spring Green 19-0. It was the first league win for the local squad and Spring Green's second defeat in conference play.

The dance was held at the high school auditorium from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with Dan Garson's orchestra furnishing the music. The gym was gayly decorated for the occasion. The Grand March started at 11:00 p.m. with Queen Joan Luher and King Arvin Steckelberg leading the procession. There was a large crowd and everyone enjoyed the dance.







Top Row:  
Fourth Row:

Third Row Left:  
Third Row Right:

Second Row Left:  
Second Row Right:  
Bottom Row:

C. Hartman, J. Boehmer, B. Tieman, D. Dobratz, J. Lohr, S. Thibert.  
Mr. Martens, M. Bittner, N. Schoephoerster, B. Schultz, K. Giese, F.  
Katchinska, D. Rischmueller, L. Schuette, N. Bincley, M. Trautman, C.  
Maier, P. Meyer, R. Pfohl, A. Walker, D. Giese, S. Erhet, R. Taylor.  
D. Richolson, P. Hoppe, C. Fitzgerald, B. Mueller, C. Block, M. Koenig.  
P. Trautmann, N. Yanke, J. DiVall, J. Young, D. Boehmer, D. Lange,  
D. Bramschreiber.  
P. Yarkie, M. Meyer, N. Rothacher.  
C. Rischmueller, P. Padrutt, C. Moely, G. Walker, L. Pilger, R. Lange,  
K. Walker, J. Doescher, P. Schroeder, C. Meng, N. Boll, N. Lohr, N.  
Sprecher, N. DiVall, P. Denton, S. Enge, W. Fingerhuth, D. Bramschrei-  
ber, P. Sprecher.

## PRAIRIE BAND







### GIRLS' CHORUS

First Row: A. Walker, J. Young, S. Enge, J. Koenig, S. Thibert, K. Walker, B. Albertus, D. Olson.

Second Row: B. Welsch, M. Steuber, P. Hoppe, S. Schlapbach, E. Anderson, P. Schroeder, J. Jessick, Mr. Martens.

Third Row: J. Bindley, H. Shauer, J. Keitel, L. Peetz, B. Bartnick, S. Bruenig, E. Delaney, P. Zastrow.



### BOYS' CHORUS

First Row: B. Frosch, D. Schroeder, D. Osterfund, P. Sprecher, P. Trautmann.

Second Row: F. Wittwer, W. Fingerhuth, M. Trautmann, D. Sprecher, G. Jesse, C. Henning.

Third Row: D. Dobratz, O. Ott, K. Giese, Mr. Martens, D. Koepp, P. Olcott, P. Radlund.





### PEP CLUB

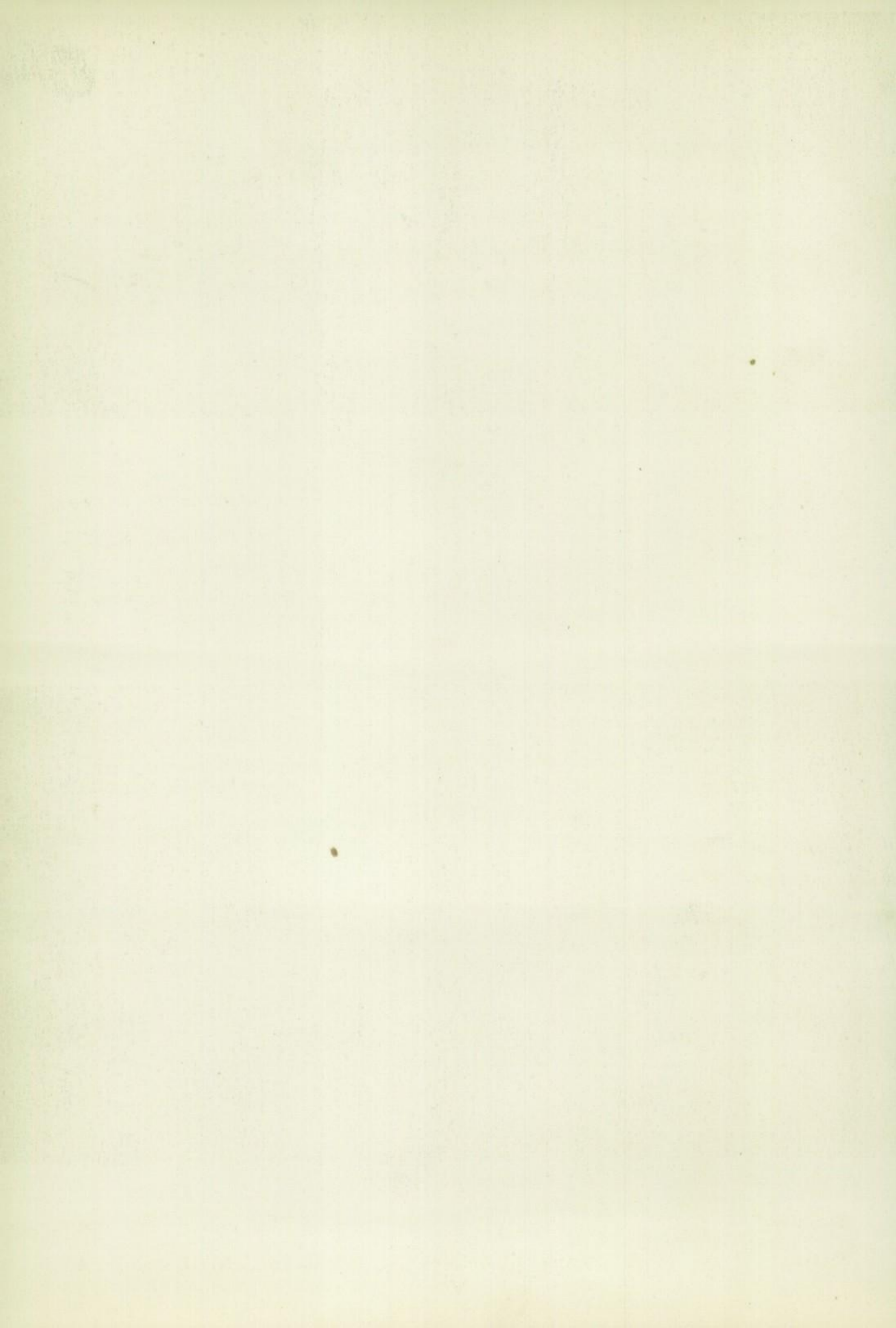
*Janet  
"Stinky"*

First Row: K. Turkelson, L. Breunig, M. Bittner, P. Henke, S. Ehret.  
 Second Row: B. Mueller, N. Rothacker, A. Walker, M. Russell, N. Yanke.  
 Third Row: P. Trautmann, W. Fingerhuth, K. Giese, L. Cady, F. Wittwer.



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### FORENSICS

First Row: M. Holway, M. Randall, D. Giese, A. Walker, C. Schoss, N. Boll, E. Delaney, R. Pfohl.  
 Second Row: Mrs. Ness, B. Welch, D. Eckstein, M. Meyer, N. DiVall, B. Mueller, B. Schultz, C. Meng.  
 Third Row: D. Schroeder, J. Eckstein, J. DiVall, K. Giese, W. Fingerhuth, M. Trautmann, L. Litscher, N. Alwin, E. Cole, J. Munz.



### STUDENT COUNCIL

Standing: N. Boll, P. Clift, P. Zastrow, P. Sprecher, Mr. Boll, A. Fuchs.  
 Sitting: F. Wittwer, J. Saxer, N. Rothacker, M. Randall, P.





## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

- First Row: L. Kindschi, H. Zander, D. Jerabek, D. Miller, R. Peiper, H. Ott, D. Petzke, M. Thurow, V. Diehl.
- Second Row: J. Eckstein, C. Henning, L. Lipke, A. Fuchs, J. Ryan, N. Alwin, G. Jesse.
- Third Row: Mr. Shields, J. Buchanan, M. Richolson, R. Shanks, R. Parchem, R. Rabyor, B. Miller, R. Knuth, D. Koepp, B. Morrow, V. Kindschi.
- Fourth Row: J. Chrisler, W. Konkel, C. Genz, D. Dobratz, O. Ott, J. Lohr, K. Giese, J. Yanke, O. Wallsch, R. Fenske, D. Weinke, G. Parchem.
- Fifth Row: L. Lehman, W. Dresen, L. Fuchs, B. Lohr, J. Leidig, C. Moe-ly, R. Gasser, D. Cole, J. Munz, D. Jaedike.

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The Future Farmers of America are the farmers of tomorrow on whom much of our country's survival depends. The purpose of this organization is: "Through their work in Agriculture and F. F. A., they hope to become fitted for leadership; better citizens; and better equipped for the undertaking of their life's work." It will help them to be of more service to their community.

The officers of the present organization are: Mr. Shields - Advisor, Albert Fuchs - President, Joe Ryan - Vice President, Neil Alwin - Secretary, Lowell Lipke - Treasurer, Charles Henning - Reporter, Gordon Jesse - Assistant Reporter, Jack Eckstein - Sergeant-at-Arms.

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- Second Row:** Mrs. Garms, D. Olson, D. Slotty, M. Steuber, E. Evert, P. Denton, J. Koenig, M. Ganser, B. Frosch, K. Turkelson, P. Henke, S. Ehret, D. Giese, P. Meyer.
- Third Row:** S. Olson, D. Korb, D. Petzke, J. Keitel, E. Anderson, M. Gieck, L. Peetz, J. Strangstalien, R. Richards, D. Steuber, A. Zick, P. Padrutt, J. Jessick.
- Fourth Row:** B. Welsch, E. Schlapbach, L. Schuette, D. Yanke, M. Koenig, E. Delaney, S. Breunig, S. Repka, S. Strmiska, M. Holway.

## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The 1949-50 Prairie du Sac Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America opened the year with election of these officers: Beverly Bartnick - President, Arlene Sprecher - Vice President, Nita Yanke - Treasurer, Ruth Pfohl - Secretary, Ruby Sprecher - Parliamentarian, Monnie Koepp - Historian, LaVonne Enge - Reporter, Mrs. Garms - Advisor.

This year's F. H. A. have achieved many goals. Our initiation took place on November 17. The Chapter selected Mrs. Ryland Block as Chapter Mother. The F. H. A. attended the F. H. A. Rally at Hillsboro where the Chapter learned more about the new activities and purposes. This year the F. H. A. has started a F. H. A. Bulletin Board. The girls Participated in demonstrations. They also earned degrees of achievement.

The F. H. A. meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Each girl is required to take part in the F. H. A. ceremony and the business meeting.







### NEWSPAPER STAFF

Left to Right: D. Giese, B. Albertus, R. Pfohl, L. Enge, M. Meyer, B. Welsch, J. Williams, N. Sprecher, B. Mueller, Mrs. Ness, C. Meng, S. Thibert.



### BOYS' INTRAMURALS

First Row: G. Wortner, A. Steckleberg, J. Eckstein, E. Wallsch, R. Fenske, B. Frosch.  
 Second Row: A. Fuchs, C. Henning, L. Cady, B. Miller, R. Shanks, B. Frosch.  
 Third Row: D. Koepp, A. Gower, R. Pieper, L. Lipke, L. Bittner, L. Litscher.  
 Fourth Row: J. Lohr, B. Kirchstein, G. Jesse, D. Dobratz, D. Walsch, G. Goad.





## CLASS PLAY

First Row: N. Rothacker, P. Schroeder, J. Doescher, B. Bartnick, M. Randall, N. Buchanan, J. Luher, M. Russell.  
 Second Row: A. Steckleberg, C. Henning, M. Trautmann, W. Fingerhuth, F. Wittwer, B. Miller, Mrs. Ness.  
 Third Row: P. Radlund, G. Jesse, N. Alwin, L. Litscher, Mr. Ness.



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### CHEERLEADERS

K. Turkelson, S. Ehret, P. Henke, L. Breunig, M. Bittner.



### TWIRLERS

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Rita Taylor, Margaret Bittner.







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### MIXED CHORUS

Fourth Row: N. DiVall, E. Schlapbach, S. Thibert, L. Enge, D. Dobratz, F. Wittwer, W. Fingerhuth, O. Ott, D. Koepp, P. Radlund, C. Henning, G. Jesse, D. Sprecher, R. Richter, L. Breunig, J. Saxer, I. Wegner, R. Sprecher.

Third Row: B. Welsch, M. Steuber, P. Hoppe, M. Holway, N. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, B. Frosch, D. Osterfund, P. Trautmann, P. Olcott, M. Trautmann, J. Williams, K. Turkelson, A. Zick, P. Padrutt, E. Delaney, S. Breunig, L. Peetz.

Second Row: S. Ehret, D. Von Behren, N. Boll, J. Koenig, D. Olsen, D. Steuber, R. Richards, P. Sprecher, K. Giese, M. Richards, E. Evert, M. Walch, R. Heath, N. Sprecher, B. Barnick, Mr. Martens.

First Row: A. Garske, P. Henke, J. Young, M. Gieck, M. Matoushek, B. Frosch, D. Yanke, D. Korb, D. Petzke, D. Block, D. Giese, M. Koepp.







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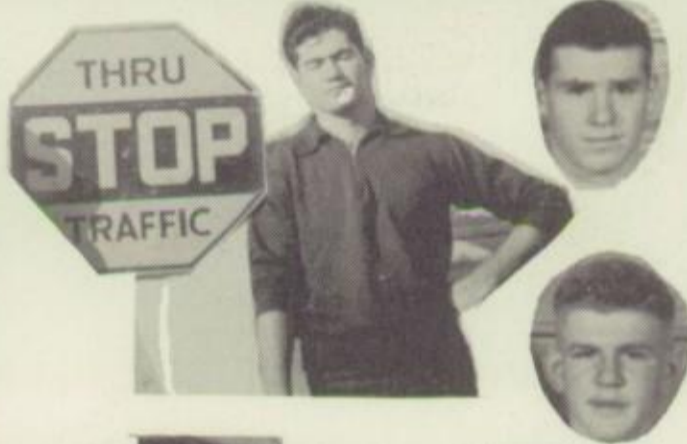
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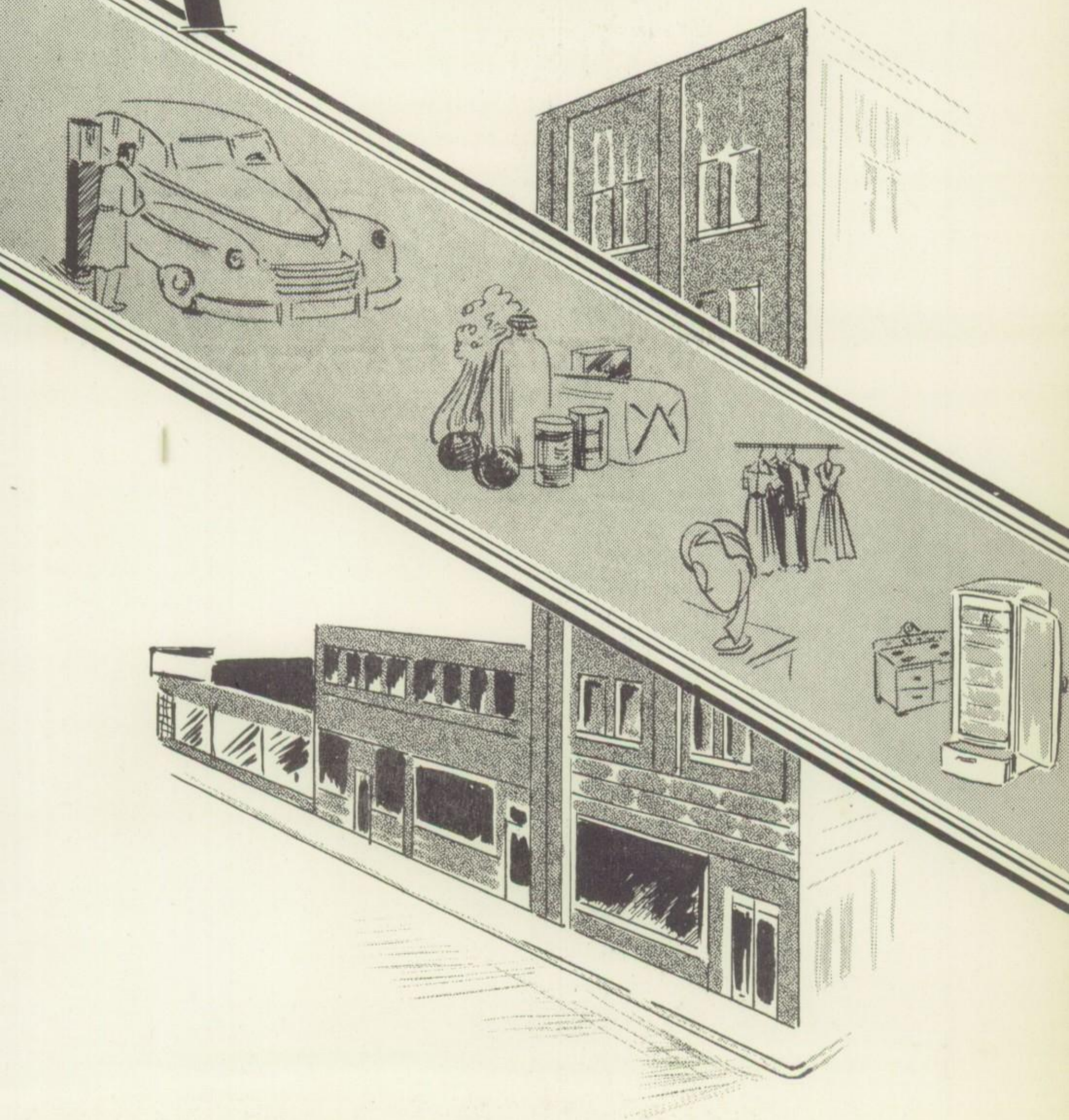
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